

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 6/6/12

Present: Co-Chairs Gordon Jamieson, Juli Brazile, DPW Assistant Director Teresa DeBenedictis, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Sue Sheffler, Peggy Powell, Eric Helmuth, Secretary Pete Howard

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT: We discussed the new program description drafted by DPW & provided to the email notice list (Ref 1) We also discussed the draft mailer (Ref 2) which was also drafted by DPW in conjunction with JRM, the new hauler. Both are posted on the Town website. Both looked very good to the committee. Issues brought up:

If a resident is concerned that his or hers recycling container might be attributed to a neighbor, they should put their house number on all their containers.

Enforcement of mandatory recycling will begin the Tuesday after Labor Day, 9/9.

Other languages. Charlotte will see what the State may have available. She suggested Spanish, Russian & Chinese. DPW has not had this problem yet but good to be prepared.

Possible use of orange bags (@\$2.50) instead of \$10 for up to 5 extra barrels. DPW will see if this is a problem. We are trying to encourage recycling, not trying to money. Home businesses that need more than 3 barrels will be told they should use orange bags.

Charlotte was asked to provide "talking points" to the recycling Google Group to help us provide a coordinated message and avoid confusion.

We no longer promote single stream. We point out that separation of paper will increase recycling effectiveness. There will be no effort to retrain residents., at least initially. The fact that some residents still separate paper helped the Town negotiate the favorable terms of the contract.

Clean pizza boxes can be recycled as can clean parts of pizza boxes.

NEW CONTRACT PUBLIC OUTREACH: DPW has slides for ACMI. A buck slip will be considered before enforcement begins. This would be good to use at Town Day. They plan at least one reverse 911 robo call. We stand ready to respond to Arlington List discussions and letters to the Advocate Editor. We recommended a series of Advocate articles.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY was a big success. The police presence was very helpful. Making the street 1 way was particularly helpful. The Chief has been formally thanked.

LIBRARY BIN - Gordon has discussed w/ new librarian. Charlotte is working on finding a place in the Town Yard. Current thinking is something else has to go first.